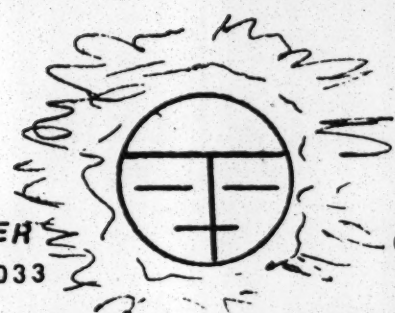


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About THUNDERBOW:

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-- The Editors --

HAPPY CELTIC NEW YEAR -- Nov. 1!!

Face of The Mather:

3rd 1/4	10/06	11:05 pm	MDST	Denver
New Moon	10/13	10:35 pm	MDST	Denver
1st 1/4	10/20	2:15 pm	MDST	Denver
Full Moon	10/28	10:40 am	MST	Denver
3rd 1/4	11/05	1:10 pm	MST	Denver

END DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME 10/27 @2:00 am!

Planets & Balances -- NOVEMBER

MERCURY (Communications) Retrograde (Backwards) in Scorpio (Emotional Creativity/Theorizing) 11/20 - 12/9.

WATCH OUT FOR COMMUNICATION-PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY ABOUT EMOTIONALLY-BASED PLANS & THEORIES, AFTER NOVEMBER 20 (and 'til Dec. 9)!

AIR (Thinking) high 'til 11/12, then average; FIRE (Willpower) average 'til 11/21, then high; WATER (Emotionalism) high-to-very-high 'til 11-22, then average; EARTH (Practicality/Materialism) low all month.

CREATIVE (Planning/Theorizing) high-to-very-high 'til 11/22, then average; ACTIVE (Doingness) average 'til 11/12, then low; EVALUATIVE (Retrospect/Criticism) low 'til 11/20, then high.

EXCESSIVE TENDENCIES TO EMOTIONAL PLANNING & THEORIZING 'TIL ABOUT 11/20, CHANGING THEN TO EXCESSIVE TENDENCIES TO WILLFUL EVALUATION, THE ENTIRE MONTH SHORT ON INCLINATIONS TOWARD BEING MATERIALLY PRACTICAL.

ALL MONTH, PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO MATERIAL PRACTICALITIES, ALSO WATCHING OUT FOR EXCESSIVE EMOTIONALISM ABOUT PLANS & IDEAS 'TIL 11/20 AND EXCESSIVELY FIERY EVALUATIONS AFTER THAT DATE.

TURBULENT TIMES -- BE CAREFUL!!!

NOTES ON NEW PUBLICATIONS:

Wiccan Rites Society, a new equal-rights group for Wiccans and other Pagans and Neo-Pagans, is planning the first issue of a new Craft publication for November debut. For information, write: Hannah Gande - Wiccan Rites Society, P.O. Box 843, Albany, OR-97321.

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ALL RELIGIOUS PEOPLE -- RED ALERT!!!

On Sept. 26, by voice-vote with no discussion nor dissent, the United States Senate did, by proposal of Sen. Jesse Helms (R.-N.C.), attach as a "rider" to the Fiscal 1986 Treasury & Post Office Appropriations bill, an amendment specifically denying tax-exempt status to any religious group or organization "explicitly promoting witchcraft".

So far as we know at this time, this Bill has not yet passed the House of Representatives; so -- MAKE "NOISE" AT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES, AND ANYONE ELSE WHO MIGHT HAVE SOME INFLUENCE WITH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES!!!

To NON-Craft Religionists, WHATEVER Your Path:

IF THE ABOVE LEGISLATION "GETS THROUGH", IT SETS PRECEDENT "OPENNING THE DOOR" FOR ANY PRESIDENT OR CONGRESSMAN TO "OUTLAW" ANY RELIGION HE/SHE MAY WISH!!! IT IS IN YOUR BEST INTERESTS TO HELP STOP THIS LEGISLATION NOW!!!

-- Thunderbow --

OTHER HAPPENINGS:

Item: According to Louis Rukeyser (host of "Wall Street Week" on P.B.S.), recent experiments and surveys have clearly indicated to the Banking Industry that the American Populace is not yet willing to accept Automatic Teller Machines & Electronic Funds Transfer, that is to say "Checkless Banking".

Item: As of Oct. 1st, Col. Maralin K. Coffinger, a 22-year veteran in the Air Force, will begin her assignment as a Command Director at NORAD's Cheyenne Mtn. (Colo.) site, the first woman ever to have such a post in NORAD.

Item: Chinese scientists reported the July discovery of 33-foot-long salmon living in isolated Lake Hanas in China's far-western Xinjiang Autonomous Region.

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Other Happenings - cont'd:

Item: Scripps Institute of Oceanography scientists have demonstrated that ocean-currents from 150 to 4,000 meters deep in the ocean are greatly affected by long-term winds.

Item: A Colorado Springs (Colo.) Pentacostal Minister is challenging a city-ordinance prohibiting "any religious activity in the home". (This could affect Craft-Practice too!!!)

Item: The National Commission on Working Women has concluded that beauticians' work is very health-hazardous from exposure to toxic fumes & chemicals, with beauticians suffering significantly higher rates of assorted internal cancers, pregnancy-toxemias, and miscarriages than the general female population.

Item: A 2,000-year-old Indian canoe has been recovered from the bottom of Magnolia Lake in Florida.

Item: Despite the "advanced technology" of our Modern Medicine, America ranks 17th in the World in infant-mortality, our 11-deaths-per-1,000-births puts us greater than Singapore, Australia, Japan, & most of Western Europe in infant-mortality rates.

Literature Corner:

Finally -- A GOOD General Herbal

Many, many thanks to Marilyn for providing the church library with A MODERN HERBAL by Mrs. M. Grieve, a two-volume set described (pretty accurately) on the Title-page as "The Medicinal, Culinary, Cosmetic and Economic Properties, Cultivation and Folklore of Herbs, Grasses, Fungi, Shrubs and Trees With All Their Modern Scientific Uses".

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If your "friendly corner bookstore" can't get it for you, try: Dover Publications, 180 Varick Street, New York, NY-10014.

HISTORY & MYTH:

"History records what did happen;
myth describes what is True."

-- Bishop of Woolwich --

PROJECTS & GATHERINGS:

Annual Peasant Feast & Revel Oct. 26 (reservations by Oct. 19 for Feast) @St. Andrew's Seminary, 1050 S. Birch St., Denver. Feast @ 6:30pm, Revel @8pm. Sponsored by Barony of Caerthe, Society for Creative Anachronism. For more information: Lady Amelia @(303)329-8528 or Master Robin @(303)444-5004, but NOT Collect.

Unitarian Universalist PSI Symposium/Eternal Search Fellowship:

- 1) Nov. 8, 7:30pm -- Tony Shearer "Myth-Maker" multi-media presentation on Native American "The Woman Who Fell From The Sky". May ask \$7.50/person door-donation.
- 2) Nov. 15, 7:30pm -- Karen Charboneau (Moon Magick) presentation on "Applied Mythology" relating to the use of myth in modern feminine-oriented Earth-Religion.

Both at 1st Universalist Church, 4101 East Hampden Ave., Denver-area. For more information, call (NOT Collect): Craig Stevenson @(303) 777 - 1157.

Mind-Expansion Symposium Nov. 8-9-10 @Holiday Inn North, I-25 & 120th Ave. (Northglenn, Denver-area). A large variety of speakers, topics, & viewpoints in lectures & panels having to do with mental & spiritual practices and growth. \$60/person for week-end. For more information, call Alpha Intrigue Psychic Center @(303)458-5585 or Howard Starkel @(303)237-3476 (but NOT Collect!).

HIGH COUNTRY NEWS Research Fund's annual drive for funds-contributions to support in-depth investigations and reportings of Business' and Government's activities, or lack thereof, relative environmental issues and problems such as pollution, toxic-wastes, water-usage, Wild-Lands, and so on. For more information, and/or to make a tax-deductible contribution, write: High Country News Research Fund, P.O. Box 1090, Paonia, CO-81428. (Contributors of \$50 or more receive, or can give as a gift, a year's subscription - 25 issues - to High Country News.)

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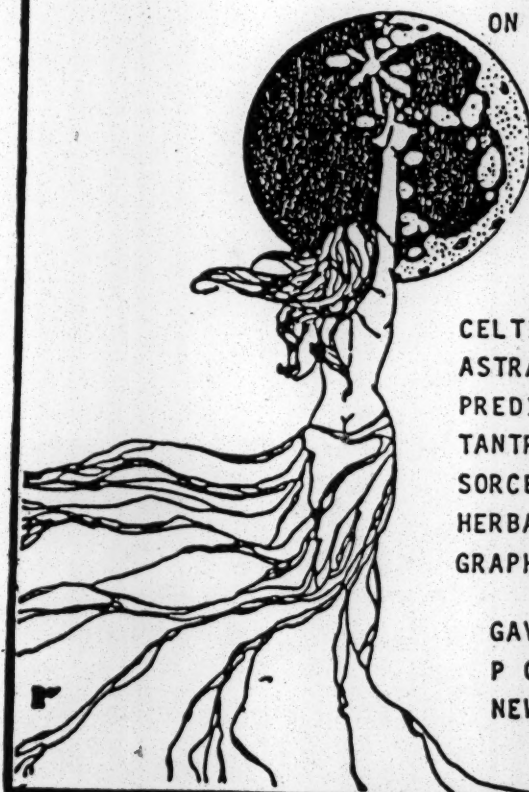
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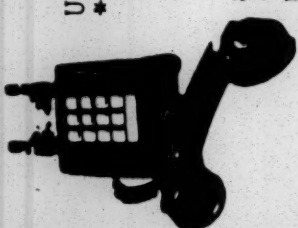
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Ask the Old Man:

Question: What is likely to be the situation in America late October-early November?

Hexagram (Answer):

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5	—	—	—	—
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3	—	—	TO	—
2	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—

#49	#63
Revolution	After Completion
(Moulting)	

Late October looks like a time of social & political shifts and pressures to radical change, much as with Season-change time. If one's changes are based on inner truths, the result will be beneficial; if otherwise, the results will be harmful.

EITHER MAINTAIN YOUR "POSITION" OR MAKE SURE ANY CHANGES YOU MAKE ARE BASED ON/IN THE REAL BASIC TRUTHS OF LIFE, LEST YOUR SITUATION BECOME WORSE RATHER THAN BETTER!

Early November looks like a time when things will seem pretty balanced; however, this balance may be precarious and require great care to avoid causing it to shift into chaos.

EVEN THOUGH THINGS MAY APPEAR WELL & BALANCED, LOOK CAREFULLY AT THE DETAILS SO AS TO NOT INADVERTENTLY DESTROY THE BALANCE AND SO BRING ABOUT UNEXPECTED CHAOS!

Comment: It is interesting to note that both Hexagrams have Fire + Water (an explosive combination), the difference being that #49 is Fire IN Water (as with an underwater volcano) while #63 involves Fire UNDER Water (as with a boiling kettle).

From a Magical viewpoint, we have Will + Emotions, always an explosive combination unless careful use is made of Mind(AIR) and Body(EARTH) to Mediate & Stabilize it.

HENCE -- BE CAREFUL ALL DAY LONG DURING THIS TIME-PERIOD!!!

S'POSE WE'LL SEE IT???

"...there may be an eternal conflict between the theoretical and the tragic world view, in which case tragedy could be reborn only when science had at last been pushed to its limits and, faced with those at last, been forced to renounce its claim to universal validity. ..."

-- Friedrich Nietzsche --
The Birth of Tragedy

REVOLUTIONARY OBSERVATION:

One who is standing at the edge of a cliff is wise to define "Progress" as a step or so Backwards.

-- Author Unknown --

EARTH-WATCH:

Recent communications from "J.S." list the following earthquakes:

8/21-Peru @5.7, Jackson(Wyo.) @4.9, and the Kern Co.-San Bernadino Co.(Calif.) line @4.5 (That's 3 in one day, folks!)

8/29-Big Bear(Calif.) @4.1 and China @7.4

8/30-Idaho-Wyo. border @4.9 & 4.5 (Two!)

9/2 -Los Angeles(Calif.) @2.6

9/17-Greece @5.9

To Which We Add the Following List:

8/23-Western China @7.5 (60 killed)

9/19-Western Mexico @8.1 (Thousands killed)

9/20-Western Mexico @7.5

9/26-Chile, West'n Mexico, & Alaska--1 each, ranging between 4.5 & 5.5

9/27-Western Mexico @5.3

-- Plus numerous "aftershocks"! --

As of today (Sept. 29), based on seismological and geological information "coming in" during the last few days, we would strongly recommend that if you live in Southern California, you GET OUT NOW!!!

It appears that the measured stress-build along the San Andreas and allied faults since the 9/19-9/20 Mexico "Events" has reached a level estimated to cause the bedrock to "powder" in the faults--the next step being major and abrupt fault-slippage and earthquakes.

OUR estimations, which some have said to be much too conservative, are 30-40% probability of Major or Great 'quake in Southern California within the next month-&-½; if one doesn't happen "here", then 50-60% probability for the April-May '86 'quake-season; and if none then, 90% probability for next Oct.-Nov. (1986).

In addition to the observed "Events" and phenomena mentioned above, we might mention the predictions, both Ancient & Modern, which speak of major Earth-changes in the Americas, these to begin with a major "Event" in Chile, to be followed by one in Mexico, to be followed by one in California -- and point out that Chile had a 7.8 March 3rd ('til the Mexico "Event", the largest in the world this year).

Lastly, the Cocos Plate giving rise to the Mexico "Event" IS at the lower end of the San Andreas fault-system! Think about it!!!

-- Seven Arrows' Researches --



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Practitioners' Notes:

Follow-Up

Anent the assorted psycho-spiritual phenomena discussed last month ("Travelling Chaotic!?!?!?" & "Practitioners' Notes"), we have since had reports of (1) a mid-July turbulence apparently moving westward from the Ohio area, (2) August "black-energy" effects like Denver's but more severe in the New York-New Jersey area, and (3) a "tracking" of a late-July energy-phenomenon apparently originating in the Dallas-Ft. Worth (Texas) area and moving to the Denver-area then westward into the Pacific Ocean.

The "black-energy-effect" lightened up in the Denver-area about Equinox, though there have been other "ripples" coming through, presumably from the Mexico "Events" as they seem to be mainly Earth-Energies.

So far, proposed sources of the July-August phenomena have been:

1. A travelling Chaotic (as mentioned in last month's *T-bow*),
2. Naturally-generated World-Change effects created by Grandmother's doings,
3. Space-Peoples' "tinkering" on a wide scale with our psycho-emotional equilibriums,
4. "Side-bands" on some sort of High-level Magical "Shennannigans",
5. The National Security Agency "fooling around" with poorly-controlled psychic experiments & operations.

Of the above possibilities, our "best guess" at this point is #1 for the late July-early August "travelling" phenomenon and #2 for the ongoing "ripples", with #3 a possibility for the 1-3am "stuff" in urban areas as a result of use of wide-area laser or crystal-energy broadcasts to "awaken" implanted agents, without concern (of course!) for the effects on the rest of the population. (Who cares about "Natives"!!!)

The difficulty in making clear phenomena-source identification has been a tremendous "busy-ness" in the Energy-Realms since about May, with no particular flow being pure-enough for long-enough to permit "tracking-to-source" with any degree of real certainty.

-- Thunderbow Researches --

VOICES IN THE WIND:

Of Leadership & Leaders

Government is always by consent of the people, regardless of any indications to the contrary. When a group does not wish to be ruled by a given Leader or Party, that group cannot be governed by said Leader/Party, despite any attempts at force.

However, the attitudes of the people can be altered by means of Leader-actions, re-education, and/or advertising.

Leadership in any organization or society is usually deferred to someone, individual or cadre, who has the most status, or to someone chosen by such, with the Status acquired by heredity, wealth, military force, or popularity (Madison-Avenue methods & technology).

Though the Leader of any given group may not be an Ideal model of that group's moral nature, the Leader will reflect the general moral demeanor of the group. If the Group is morally good, the Leader will probably also be thus; if the Group is morally corrupt, the Leader is likely to be also.

Of course, a Leader can Somewhat change the nature of the Group by his/her actions -- assuming he/she can remain Leader long enough to actually affect the Followers.

In choosing a Leader, you should choose a person having a well-balanced Nature. A group having a Leader who is neither too generous nor too greedy, but who is adventurous, will prosper. A too-generous Leader will over-extend the Group's capacity, causing it to become exhausted (Victim: "Ripped-Off"), while a too-greedy Leader will use the Group's energies in ways making the Group a Criminal (Thief), as with Hitler and Napoleon.

If you wish to become or be a Leader, you need a Moral Nature matching that of the Group to be led; and you must have or acquire sufficient Status in the Group to maintain a commanding position over most of the Group's other members.

To get such Status, you might Inherit it from previous Leaders, Purchase it with Wealth & Bribes, seize it by Force, or (as in a Democracy) gain it with Madison-Avenue techniques.

If the Group does not wish to be governed by you, your final option is Clandestine Manipulation of their desires.

-- Paul --
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Remember a few years ago (1982-83) when a poor demented fellow, a Dr. John Charles Leavey, Esq., if our memory serves, tried establishing himself and an "Arkades Group" as arbiters of Craft Practice in North America?

Remember his threatening to take Ann Freedman into Civil Court for her use of some uncomfortable-to-him adjectives about him in her Wise Woman newsletter?

Seems he's now progressed to publishing something called The Quarterstaff wherein he's calling on all who can stop laughing to engage in Magical and/or Mundane harassment, or mere Boycotting for those reluctant to go to greater lengths, of a large number of major North American Craft & Neo-Pagan persons, groups, publications, and suppliers.

What IS this person??? Perhaps some relative, or possibly sycophant, of Jerry Falwell's??? (He sure "comes on" in similar ways!) Has anyone thought to Check???

-- Thunderbow *--

*Blacklisted by Dr. John Charles Leavey, Esq.!

American Carnunga:

Olive Oil

Researches by Dr. Scott Grundy (University of Texas, Dallas) indicate that while poly-unsaturates like corn oil & soybean oil remove dangerous low-density lipoproteins from the body, they also remove beneficial & protective high-density lipoproteins.

On the other hand, mono-unsaturated Olive Oil sends the low-density lipoproteins to the liver for detoxification while selectively increasing the levels of the beneficial high-density lipoproteins.

Additionally, as a mono-unsaturate, Olive Oil is less subject to oxidation and rancidity in the bloodstream than poly-unsaturates and, hence, less likely to cause formation of some of the unstable molecules ("free radicals") thought to be associated with, even causative of, some forms of cancer.

Olive Oil also appears to be very beneficial to the digestive & intestinal systems and (according to Edgar Cayce materials) should be taken in small doses ($\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ tspn.) two to five times per day -- the lesser quantities & frequencies for preventative maintenance, the greater quantities & frequencies to remedy actual existing digestive/intestinal ills.

-- Pathways to Health, Vol.7 #3 --

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ENTHEOGENS & MAGIC:

Amanita Muscaria

Amanita Muscaria, also known as *Fly Agaric*, is a yellow-to-orange-capped mushroom that grows wilde, usually next to birch trees, in both Europe and the Americas.

Its history has it associated with both Shamanic and Magical Practices for at least the last 2,000 years; and it is probably the "Soma" intoxicant described in the Rig Vedas in India, while for the Siberian Chuckchee tribe, it is the sole religious intoxicant.

Its curious, and somewhat dangerous, intoxication lends itself easily to group-ritual usages, an extreme excitation not unlike amphetamines drawing the user toward a desire for interplay with Nature.

This progresses into ordered hallucination, divination with vocal pronouncements & prophetic dreaming, followed by out-of-Body travels.

The usual dose, especially for the 1st-time user, is one mushroom; and more than that can lead to convulsions, coma, and even death in the uninitiated.

Having myself taken the *Amanita Sacrament* in varying doses, I can/will attest to the accuracy of the above descriptions.

Being legal, *Amanita Muscaria* can be picked wilde in the United States, or ordered in dried form from: Florida Mycology Research Center, Box 8104, Pensacola, FL-32505.

Before undertaking any experimentation, one should read Bakalar & Grinspoon's Psychedelic Drugs Reconsidered and Dr. Richard A. Miller's The Magical & Ritual Uses of Herbs.

Next Article: *Psilocybin*

-- Thomas Lyttle --

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Voice of the Turtle:

Another Unspoken Concept

For persons having the "It-Goes-Without-Saying" prevailing Modern American beliefs that a person either IS her/his Body, OR is ENTIRELY Dependent upon her/his Body for her/his Perceptual & Actional Abilities, initial use of Chemical, Hypnosis, or Trance may occasionally be helpful in "by-passing" the blocks to Spirit-Operation imposed by such beliefs, which may be one reason many Native Shamans, of whatever Tribal System, so often administer such techniques to White Researchers who come around asking the "Whats & Hows" of Shamanic Practices for some Academic Study.

Something that is NOT told such researchers is the Principle that --

ANYTHING ONE CAN DO WHILE DRUGGED, HYPNOTIZED, OR TRANCED, ONE CAN LEARN TO DO WHILE REMAINING FULLY CONSCIOUS AND ALERT!!!

Thus, in the majority of Shamanic Systems, Chemicals, Hypnosis, and/or Trance are only used initially in order that one may discover what one is Actually Capable of doing As A Spirit WITHOUT reference to the Body's Abilities and Perceptics.

The "Follow-Up" (Traditionally) is then for the person to become capable of using her/his Spirit-Abilities WITHOUT the above-mentioned "crutches", a step Modern Researchers never even think to ask as a result of Cultural Conditioning against considering such an "outlandish" idea.

Having their own Secrecy-Traditions, the Native Shamans (of whatever group) are certainly NOT going to freely volunteer such information to "Outsiders" coming in merely to "Study the Natives". (Would You, in Their shoes??)

The only place I have encountered any mention of this is in the Castaneda books at the point where Don Carlos asks Don Juan "How-Come" about the early-in-the-training use of psychotropics and is told it was needed in order to "blow" Don Carlos' Modern-American beliefs about his Spirit-Nature and Abilities.

So we have such Modern "Authorities" as Michael Harner, Joan Hallifax, and so on, to say nothing of the Modern Psychologists involved in the Craft Community, busily promoting Trance and Self-Hypnosis techniques as "Part-and-Parcel" & "All-There-Is-To-It" relative Shamanic & Magical Practices. (With, of course, the resulting damages to various of their followers and Neophytes!)

The Perceptual & Actional "drills" described in the Castaneda books (especially, if I remember correctly, in A Separate Reality, Journey to Ixtlan, & Tales of Power) will, if done regularly as described, "do the job" over a period of time, as will some of the techniques given in Harold Sherman's "How-To" books on PSI techniques, and/or some of the procedures

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Voice of the Turtle - cont'd:

given in L. Ron Hubbard's Creation of Human Ability (very expensive at, but rarely found outside of, Church of Scientology bookstores).

In short -- ANYONE ATTEMPTING TO TELL YOU THAT THE ONLY WAY TO DO "ASTRAL-PROJECTION", OUT-OF-BODY WORKS, OR ENTRY INTO OTHER LEVELS & REALMS IS BY CHEMICAL, HYPNOSIS, OR TRANCE IS, KNOWINGLY OR OTHERWISE, ATTEMPTING TO "SELL YOU A BILL OF GOODS"!!!

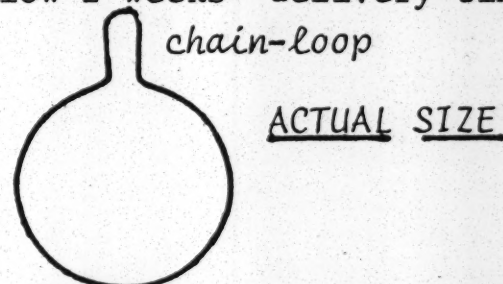
I Have Said It!

-- Kahote --

SEVEN ARROWS' DOINGS:

TRILOGY BOOKSTORE, 630 East 6th Ave. (6th & Washington), Denver, CO-80203, ph.(303)722-7612, is stocking our textbooks; and they will work at getting any books on our Reading-List (They have a copy!) needed by students; plus, they have a number of "non-List" books of interest to Seven Arrows' people, as well as carrying the Tarot-decks we use.

POWER-TALISMANS designed specifically for Seven Arrows' members, students, and ex-students who have completed through the Basic Magic "Tools"-studies are now available in cast Sterling Silver with appropriate Centers at \$20 each. Allow 2 weeks' delivery-time!



Other Events -- Classes:

The Sunday-evening Basic Magic series got started in good order, as did the Monday-evening Basics of Shamanism, while the Saturday-afternoon people "amalgamated" with the Tuesday-evening Basic Magic group.

People-News --

Peter & Pam now have a son, Michael Patrick, who advented in August at a lively 6lb-13oz.. (Welcome, Michael!) Kathy sends love from San Francisco, where she's got a job doing what she's wanted to for several years (though her housing-situation seems yet a bit uncertain). Duke(Colo. Springs), Sherry(Dallas-Ft.Worth-area), Mike(Laramie), and Faun(also San Francisco) all send "Hi's" to their friends in Seven Arrows & Denver.

"On-Deck" for October --

Danny & Dee doing New Moon (Dee & George did Sept.'s!), and we're still "organizing" the re-printings on books. George will do a presentation at the Nov. Mind-Expansion Symposium (see "Projects & Gatherings").

Happy Autumn!!!

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